

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 82

Introduced by Assembly Member Huff
(Coauthor: Senator Margett)

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 82—Relative to the Mayor Bob Zirbes Memorial Freeway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 82, as introduced, Huff. The Mayor Bob Zirbes Memorial Freeway.

This measure would designate the portion of State Route 57 from the southern Diamond Bar city limit and Orange County line to the Pathfinder Road exit in the City of Diamond Bar as the Mayor Bob Zirbes Memorial Highway. The measure would also request that the Department of Transportation determine the cost for appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, It was with great sadness and a deep sense of loss
- 2 that word was received of the death of the Honorable Robert “Bob”
- 3 Zirbes on February 8, 2007, an immensely respected member of
- 4 the Diamond Bar City Council and distinguished Californian whose
- 5 character and deeds in life merit gratitude and respectful
- 6 acknowledgment by the people of the state; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Bob Zirbes was born on September 20, 1959, in
- 8 Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and in the 1960s, his family moved to
- 9 the San Gabriel Valley in California; and

1 WHEREAS, In 1985, Bob and his wife, Jolene, moved to the
2 City of Diamond Bar where they raised their two children, Joanna
3 and Christopher; and

4 WHEREAS, Committed to making a difference in the
5 community, Bob served as Chairman of the Diamond Bar Planning
6 Commission for a year prior to being elected to the Diamond Bar
7 City Council in 2001, and was reelected to a second term in 2005
8 and distinguished himself as Mayor from 2003 to 2004. Throughout
9 his years on the city council, Bob worked diligently to address the
10 concerns and needs of the residents of the area and improve the
11 quality of life for future generations; and

12 WHEREAS, Through his dedication and perseverance, the City
13 of Diamond Bar redefined its Code Enforcement Program and
14 created a proactive approach to property regulations enforcement,
15 known as the Neighborhood Improvement Program. Bob was the
16 driving force behind the creation of the Home Improvement
17 Program to financially assist homeowners with home repairs; and

18 WHEREAS, Bob also worked tirelessly behind the scenes to
19 promote economic growth for the City of Diamond Bar, which
20 includes the newly completed Village Center, highlighted by the
21 recent opening of a Target store and the new Brookfield residential
22 community; and

23 WHEREAS, Prior to his election to the city council, Bob served
24 as President of the Diamond Bar Improvement Association, a
25 nonprofit community betterment organization, where he
26 spearheaded several community service-based efforts, including
27 the annual Paint the Town project; and

28 WHEREAS, Bob was also a member of several boards and
29 committees, including the City's Sports Park Task Force, Library
30 Task Force, Tres Hermanos Conservation Authority, Walnut Valley
31 Rotary Club, and Miss Diamond Bar Pageant, and was also very
32 involved in the American Youth Soccer Organization program,
33 where he was a referee even when his own children had long
34 outgrown the program; and

35 WHEREAS, Bob spent his entire professional career in the
36 personnel recruiting and placement industry, and he was the owner
37 and operator of the Truman Agency, Personnel Specialists; and

38 WHEREAS, Bob was a true gentleman in every sense of the
39 word, and his love of family and commitment to the well-being

1 of the community were evident in every manner in which he
2 conducted his life; and

3 WHEREAS, The high esteem in which Bob was held by his
4 loving family, his numerous friends, and other individuals fortunate
5 enough to have known him stands as a testament for others who
6 strive for the best in every aspect of their lives, and his memory
7 will live forever in the hearts and minds of those people who knew
8 him; and

9 WHEREAS, Bob Zirbes is survived by his wife, Jolene; his
10 children, Joanna and Christopher; and a host of family and friends;
11 now, therefore, be it

12 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
13 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature expresses its deepest
14 sympathy at the passing of the Honorable Robert “Bob” Zirbes,
15 and that the portion of State Route 57 from the southern Diamond
16 Bar city limit and Orange County line to the Pathfinder Road exit
17 in the City of Diamond Bar be designated the Mayor Bob Zirbes
18 Memorial Freeway; and be it further

19 *Resolved,* That the Department of Transportation is requested
20 to determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with the
21 signing requirements for the state highway system, showing that
22 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate
23 sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those signs; and be it
24 further

25 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
26 of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
27 author for appropriate distribution.